

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

for

Schmidbauer Lumber Company
1099 Waterfront Drive
Eureka, California

Case Number 1NHU602

Humboldt County

Notice Posting Date: January 24, 2022

End of Comment Period: February 23, 2022

A soil and groundwater investigation was conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented. Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution No. 92-49. Regional Water Board staff proposes that no further work be required. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties, including owners of nearby land, that the case is being considered for closure, and to invite public comment on this proposed decision.

Problem Description

The site has been an operating lumber mill since 1948 that processes softwoods and treated finished lumber with an anti-staining fungicide containing pentachlorophenol from 1972 until 1983. Soil and groundwater at and around the site have been investigated. Groundwater monitoring at the site has shown contamination in groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the site, but the contamination is no longer spreading. No water supply wells were impacted by this contamination.

Proposed Action

Case closure with administrative controls is proposed. Administrative controls include a deed restriction which limits uses to commercial/industrial, prohibits excavation without Regional Water Board notification, and prohibits use of groundwater for water supply. The deed restriction will include a soil and groundwater management plan which is designed to limit worker exposure in the restricted area during future redevelopment of the property. With administrative controls, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Resolution No. 92-49](#)."

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Julie Duong at (707) 576-2703 or Julie.Duong@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Julie Duong
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Regional Water Board site records comprise both a paper file and an electronic file. Beginning in 2005, select file material was uploaded to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website and not necessarily included in the paper file. All new file material after 2014 is retained only electronically. [The GeoTracker records](#) are available at http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602393391.

The paper file ("Schmidbauer Lumber Company", Case No. 1NHU602) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.

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